

Should You Hire a Bridal Consultant?

Planning a wedding can almost be a full-time job. Many brides do not have the time, the knowledge, or the interest in doing it themselves. If you can afford to hire a wedding planner and do not want to deal with the stress of making sure all the details come together, you may want to consider a wedding planner.

If you have a limited budget or have a very clear idea of how you want your wedding then you may want to consider doing the planning yourself. This newsletter and the Internet can help. Checkout all the wedding planning information that you can find online. A good place to start is getting a copy of our free wedding planning calendar. Just click on the link below.

If you determine that it would be best to hire someone with experience to help plan your wedding then these hints may help. The terms 'planner', 'consultant' and 'coordinator' mean pretty nearly the same thing. Ask friends and others in the wedding industry to recommend a consultant. Interview a number of consultants and ask the following questions:

1. Do you have a business license?
2. Do you have references? Can you provide the names of past clients and wedding vendors that recommend your company?
3. How many weddings have you handled?
4. What formal training do you have?
5. Do you receive a fee from the service providers you refer?
6. How do you charge for your services?

You and the consultant will need to have a good relationship. If the personalities don't work well together, it will only cause you more stress. Make sure the contract has an escape clause in case problems arise.